President.—Could you make a bigger allotment this year?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No, Sir.

President.—At least you make a note of it, while preparing the allotments for next year.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon —I wish to make one observation. The roads in those villages are not *Pandaravaka* roads. They are Paliam roads. The Paliam should see to it or at least make a contribution towards its repair, and if we are going to repair it, we should also get their consent.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It has been a right of way ever so long.

President.—Since there is a right of way, we can improve that. In any case, the matter requires to be looked into.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon —Most of the culverts in this road are in a very bad condition, and the road itself is not sufficiently wide. It has become dangerous for traffic.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—My information is that they were surveyed as Paliam *Jenmom* on the understanding that they should keep up the road in a good condition.

President.—There was a right of way for a long time. Under that right we can improve that, and it will be of much use to the public, as well as the Paliam. For that purpose the road might be put in order.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The roads in Painkulam and several adjoining villages are not *poramboke* roads. Yet the Panchayats are maintaining them.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—In answer to a question in one of the previous sessions, these roads have been put as public roads.

President.—I think the Paliam would be glad to do this work. For it will do much good to the public.

Ayurvedic Vaidyasalas.

79. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(a) the number of Ayurvedic Vaidyasalas newly opened in the year 1101, and if no one was opened, the reason for not opening any one;

(b) whether there was any proposal submitted by the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats for opening Vaidyasalas in 1101, and if so, the reason for not accepting the proposal;

(c) the number of Vaidyasalas that will be opened in the course of the current year;

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(d) whether the Kattakampal and Kadangod Village Panchayats have not requested for opening Vaidyasalas in their areas;

(e) whether their requests will receive the early attention of the Government, especially in view of the fact that in the past years the amounts given to these Panchayats were inadequate?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) No new Vaidyasala was opened in 1101. A scheme for the improvement of the Ayurvedic system of treatment in the State is under consideration. Pending orders on it, all proposals for the opening of new Vaidyasalas are allowed to lie over.

(b) Yes; vide answer to (a) above.

(c) The Government are unable to say anything about this at present.

(d) Yes.

(e) Please see answer to (a).

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—When was this matter taken up by the Government for consideration.

President.—I think you submitted a scheme in regard to this matter?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes, Sir.

President.—I cannot say, when exactly, it was taken up for consideration.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Can you say it approximately?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I think it is three years ago.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has any Ayurvedic Vaidyasala been opened since this scheme has been submitted to the Government for consideration?

President.—If the scheme is under consideration, no Vaidyasala could be opened. When did you submit the report, Mr. Raman Menon?

Mr. I. Raman Menon—I think it was in 1100.

President.—When was it taken up for consideration?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The question was taken up for consideration about 3 years back.

President.—At what stage is it now?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It has been referred to Mr. Thekkat Elaya Moosad to get his opinion on the matter.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Am I to take it that the matter was taken up for consideration?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I am not quite sure.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—That came in only about a month ago.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has any Ayurvedic Vaidyasala been opened during the last three years?

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Mr. I. Raman Menon.—None.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I ask whether any Ayurvedic Vaidyasala would be opened till the scheme is considered and passed ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I cannot say ; that depends upon the urgency of the needs. There are some places I know, where medical relief is urgently necessary. We cannot wait for the passing of the scheme to give them medical relief.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Then, will the Government consider the question of opening Ayurvedic Vaidyasalas in Kattakampal, Kadangod, etc ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The question of Kattakampal has not been considered. If there is absolute necessity, then it will be considered.

President.—Do you think there is no urgency for opening an Ayurvedic Vaidyasala in Kattakampal ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No, Sir.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The answer is that the matter has not been enquired into. The Government have received requests from those Panchayats for considering this matter. Am I to understand that, having received requests for opening any Vaidyasalas, the Government have not considered this matter?

President.—If there is a request, the matter will be considered. The matter has not been disposed of after consideration. There is much difference between consideration and delaying consideration.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government consider it early ?

President.—Is it the opening of Vaidyasalas at Kattakampal and Kadangod ? If you find the matter is an urget one, I suppose it will become your duty to report about it, and if we agree with you that it is an urgent one, the Government will also sanction the same.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—So the matter will be enquired into?

President.—Yes. Mr. Raman Menon, please make a note of it—Kattakampal and Kadangod.

Civil powers to the Kadangod Panchayat.

80. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Superintendent of Agriculture and Village Panchayats be pleased to mention whether the Government have considered the necessity of granting 'Civil powers' to the Kadangod Village Panchayat, and if the answer is in the negative, whether the Government will consider this matter early enough?

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